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THE REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

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Mr. Khalil, Mr. Khan, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane
and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

Promoting the realization of the right to adequate housing

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Reaffirming the right of every woman, man and child to a safe and secure place to live in peace and dignity,

Deeply concerned that in excess of one billion persons who remain homeless or inadequately housed throughout the world, and have yet to attain their legitimate rights to adequate housing,

Convinced of the continuing and urgent need for renewed attention and commitment by all relevant actors to the human right to adequate housing,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights decision 1993/103 of 4 March 1993,

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/14 of 25 February 1994,

Recalling further its resolutions 1993/36 of 25 August 1993, 1992/26 of 27 August 1992 and 1991/26 of 29 August 1991,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Mr. Rajindar Sachar, for his second progress report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/20);

2. Welcomes the preliminary recommendations and conclusions contained in the second progress report (chap. X) addressed to both the United Nations system and to Governments and urges the respective entities to implement the relevant recommendations in a timely fashion;

3. Takes note with interest of the draft international convention on housing rights contained in the second progress report (chap. IX);

4. Invites States, United Nations specialized and other agencies, international and regional intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental and community-based organizations to provide the Special Rapporteur with their views and comments on all aspects of the right to adequate housing, in particular the draft international convention on housing rights, for consideration in the preparation of his final report;

5. Encourages the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, to be held in March 1995, to take full account in its agenda and plan of action of the views of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing and ongoing activities of the United Nations concerning housing rights;

6. Encourages the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), to be held in 1996, to take full account in its agenda and plan of action of the views of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing and ongoing activities of the United Nations concerning housing rights, and to undertake specific activities with regard to the agenda and plan of action on the human right to adequate housing within the context of Habitat II;

7. Invites the United Nations Centre on Human Settlements (Habitat) to consider implementing the proposals made to it by the Special Rapporteur in his second progress report (paras. 88-90);

8. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit his final report on the right to adequate housing to the Sub-Commission at its forty-seventh session;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the assistance he requires for the preparation of his final report, and in particular the necessary expert assistance to compile and analyse the information and documents he receives;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to organize an expert seminar on the right to adequate housing, prior to the completion of his final report, in order to discuss appropriate, effective and comprehensive conclusions and recommendations;

11. Decides to consider the final report and to develop a series of concrete measures based upon it at its forty-seventh session under the agenda item entitled "The realization of economic, social and cultural rights";

12. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

"The Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of resolution 1994/... of ... August 1994 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling its resolution 1994/14 of 25 February 1994,

Also recalling its decision 1993/103 of 4 March 1993,

Welcoming the second progress report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/20),

1. Invites the Special Rapporteur to submit his final report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-seventh session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary financial, technical and expert assistance required for the completion of his final report;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to organize an expert seminar on the human right to adequate housing in order to discuss appropriate, effective and comprehensive final conclusions and recommendations for inclusion in the final report;

4. Recommends the following draft decision to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

'The Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/... of ... 1995 and

resolution 1994/... of ... August 1994 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:

(a) Approves the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on the right to adequate housing with all the necessary financial, technical and, in particular, expert assistance required for the completion of his final report;

(b) Also approves the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to organize an expert seminar on promoting the full realization of the right to adequate housing in order to discuss appropriate, effective and comprehensive conclusions and recommendations for inclusion in the final report of the Special Rapporteur.'"